

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 12 April 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

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Present: K McDonald (Chairman), F J Hart (Vice-Chairman), B Brown, J Mann, B Smithson, J Miller, L Morris, J Frizzell, M Scowcroft, N Chapman, S Willcox.

Also Present: County Cllr J Spicer,

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** Borough Cllr J Thorndyke.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 8 March 2018** were approved by Cllr Smithson and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.
3. **Public Forum:** The Co-ordinator of Speed watch attended to respond to a letter to the Editor published in April's Steamer relating to Speeding on the A143 especially at the Duke Street crossing. The Speed Watch team however are unable to record the speeders or use the SID on the A143 as unfortunately neither the Highways Authority nor the Police will allow them to operate on 30mph plus limited areas.
He reported that the radar gun can only be deployed at police designated points within the parish 30mph boundaries and the readings are passed to the police for action.
The team also use two Speed Indicating Machines (SID) which operate 24 hrs a day from posts at approved points within the 30mph limits. They are operated under the County Council guide lines to educate drivers. They also record all the vehicles speeds and times.
The co-ordinator has been in contact with the police regarding the hazards identified by residents regarding Duke Street/A143 and George Lane/A143 crossing points, and other village incidents involving selfish drivers. The police reply is partially positive, and they will be carrying out a traffic survey of the A143 Duke Street area.
The full details of the Co-ordinators report can be found in the Steamer – May 2018.
CCllr Spicer responded to the question by reporting that there is no quick fix to anti-social driving. The County Council have to act on data from incidents and accidents and speed watch data. There is a current push for SID to be used on 40mph roads.
If the development at Shepherds Grove goes ahead in the future then there may be an opportunity to use it to introduce more traffic calming measures on the A143. It is unlikely that a 30mph limit would be considered for the bypass road. She had travelled that way to the meeting and noted that the signage was very dirty but that was currently not a priority for Highways.
Cllr Scowcroft suggested that the Parish Council should be asking for S106 funding from any new development in the Village to be used towards improving the crossings on the A143.
Cllr Smithson commented that residents have a duty to report near misses to the Police and the Council
Future near misses should be reported to the County Council Highways customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk (tele: 0345 6066171) and copied to the Parish Clerk.
The Clerk reported receiving a very distressing call from a resident whose small dog had been killed on the A143 by being sucked under the wheels of a large vehicle as she waited at a crossing point. The next day some of the greenery had been cut back by a local farmer.
It was agreed that the Clerk will report the issues to SCC with a view to seeking a site survey.
4. **Report from:**
 - a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported that the work on the **Grundle woody debris structure** is now under way.
She has attended a meeting with the developers on **the proposed development at Shepherds Grove** Park. It is still in its very early stages and things such as the provision of Doctors surgeries and school places is very much on the agenda as is the link road to the Industrial Estate. If there is any further information she will pass it on to the Council

Cllr Brown raised the issue of the **white lines at Wyken Road** still not rectified. CCllr Spicer said that she would chase this up.

- b. B Cllr J Thorndyke reported by email that Council is moving forward rapidly with its proposals to **Boundary changes** and goes to St Eds council on 24th April for approval by councillors before submission to Government. It will then come back for a final consultation again. The submission now has no changes to Ixworth, Bardwell, Barningham or Stanton wards. The **proposed Co-op site at Ixworth** is back in hands of estate agents so it would appear co-op have withdrawn from that application. Applicant has withdrawn from the **Tripp Batt site** partly due to with issues with SCC highways but more with being unable to prove they have been testing the market site for retail or other business use. It is an employment site, so there is now a requirement for them to test the market for six months before bringing back housing application (If nothing comes forward business wise). Heavy engineering is not on the agenda. Cllr Thorndyke has put some funding into a **defib project for Shepherds Grove Park** working with the resident's association which will also be available for industrial estate West area.

5. Clerk's Report: There were no queries with the Clerks report

6. Statutory Business/Governance

- a. None

7. Report from Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Chapman reported no updates other than a new bollard is to be put in by the front entrance to the Village Hall and he has asked for a representative of the VHMC to attend the WW1 event working party.

8. Report from Annual Litter Pick 2018 Cllr Smithson circulated her report on the litter pick which will be sent to the Steamer for publication and which has been published on the website and Facebook.

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Smithson on a well organised and successful event and thanked her for her hard work in organising it.

9. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda.

10. Matters for discussion:

a. A local farmer has offered to '**reclaim the road**' at Old Bury Road where the hedgerow has significantly reduced the width of the Road. Approval given for him to undertake the work after risk assessment. Clerk to liaise with him.

b. **Works required on Play Area surface** Cllr Morris reported that works need to be carried out on the play area surface where ruts had developed and some of the fencing has worked loose and the mastic on the skate Park has deteriorated. Anglia Surface care has been asked to look at the mastic problem on the skate park. Clerk to liaise with GKW when the recreation ground footpath works are being undertaken to see if the surface and fencing can be remedied at the same time.

c. **Young Persons Activities in the Village** Cllr Willcox reported that the Toddler Group was going really well with RAF Honington providing reflexology taster sessions. A decision on the way forward needs to be made with all involved and Cllr Willcox will be meeting with SEBC support Helen Lindfield in due course. The Group has helped young Mums to understand that the Parish Council is interested in their well-being and in supporting provisions for young people and so has been very successful.

She now wanted to look at Holiday Clubs and ask the question as to what the parishioners wanted and any ideas for Youth Clubs that the Pc could support.

d. Defibrillator Project Cllr Hart reported that the first defib has been fitted on the outside wall of the Doctors Surgery and we are now awaiting the registration process of East of England Ambulance, hopefully very soon. The costs of installing the box of £353.65 (inc VAT) were approved for payment by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.

The second has been purchased and will on arrival be fixed on the wall of the Clocktower. Clerk to advertise for a public-spirited electrician to install the same.

A cheque for £600 has been gratefully received from fund raising by the Stanton WI as a donation towards the second defib and there is an application in to the Stan Coco (monthly tote) fund for a donation which may be in the region of £500 if approved.

All other sources of possible donation have been exhausted so the outstanding balance will come out of the reserve utilising the recycling monies.

e. Summer bedding planting. Cllr Miller proposed that Hillcrest be asked to replenish the village tubs with Summer bedding as in previous years. This was seconded by Cllr Brown and approved. Cllr Miller would also like to consider planting more Spring bulbs in September in various parts of the Village.

Once the bulb catalogues are published this will be brought back to the meeting for approval.

f. Telephone box in George Hill Cllr Miller reported that the telephone box in George Hill was in a dreadful state and an embarrassment to the Village.

This was approved for removal in 2016. Clerk to make enqs with BT as to where the application was and ask for it to be cleaned.

g. 'Parish News' publication Cllr Smithson asked Council to consider an Annual Publication to serve the needs of those households that do not use the Internet. She had recently visited Lavenham who had produced a very colourful and informative round up of Activities and Events in the Village which was displayed on the notice Board.

Cllr Smithson suggested what items could be included.

Clerk will investigate the possibility of producing such a publication although time is limited.

h. Drinking water fountain The Chairman proposed that the Council could assist in reducing the amount of waste by purchasing a drinking water fountain using the recycling credits.

This would be installed on the outside wall of the toilet block.

A robust unit was proposed at the cost of £455.00 (ex VAT) to be purchased from Gentworks and which will be fitted by the Chairman and other Councillors.

This was seconded by Cllr Hart and approved.

11. Community Recognition Award Nominations 2018. The five nominees were discussed and four approved.

It was felt that the proposal for the fifth nominee had not evidenced any 'end user' from the Village and whilst the work was of value and to be congratulated, there was insufficient information to satisfy the criteria for the award.

Clerk to deal with the nominees and nominators for presentation of the awards on Thursday 31 May 2018 and arrange for certificates.

12. Correspondence from County and Borough Councils

a. Play Area Inspection Reports – Noted as above by Cllr Morris.

b. Grundle Works provisional Start date. Cllr Chapman will liaise.

c. Closure of Duke Street 16-18 April - noted

13. Financial

a. The list of payments and receipts as below was approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Chapman. The payment of Invoices over £300 was approved for payment by BACS.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
WAVE (Anglian Water)	15.74		15.74	Water charges Cemetery Q4	LGA 1972 S111
Gillian Miller	90.00		90.00	Toilet cleaning Q4	Public Health Act 1936 ss 259-260
Talk Talk (March)	36.00	6.00	30.00	Monthly internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Choice heating	330.00		330.00	Repairs to burst pipes - toilets	Public Health Act 1936 ss 259-260
WAVE (Anglian Water)	163.11		163.11	Water charges toilets (Q4)	Public Health Act 1936 ss 259-260
WAVE (Anglian Water)	3.31		3.31	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Amazon	55.95	9.33	46.62	Paper and printer ink	LGA 1972 S111
East of England Amb	2226.00	371.00	1855.00	Defibrillator	LGA 1972 S111
HMRC	295.20		295.20	PAYE Q4	LGA 1972 S112
NALC	60.00	10.00	50.00	Local Councils Award registration fee	LGA 1972 S111
Westcotec	3510.00	585.00	2925.00	Mini SID with Data collection unit	Highways Act 1980, s274a
Anglia Surface Care	831.60	138.60	693.00	Annual maintenance MUGA and courts	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Suffolk Cloud	100.00		100.00	Annual website hosting	LGA 1972 S111
PWLB	10064.91		10064.91	Loan repayment	LGA 2003, sch1, para 2
SALC	842.99		842.99	Annual Subscription	LGA 1972 S111
Staff Salaries	905.00		905.00	Street Cleaner and Clerk salary	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank			2.27	Bank interest	
VHMC			127.01	Village Hall water refund	

14. Planning Issues

a. New Applications received

DC/18/0498/TCA | Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - (i) 1no. Cedar deodara (T1 on plan) and 1no. Crab apple (T2 on plan) - Overall crown reduce by 30%; (ii) 1no. Larch (T3 on plan) - overall crown reduce by 30%; (iii) 1no. Oak (T4 on plan) - crown lift to 3 metres and (iv) 1no. Spindle (T5 & T6) - Coppice. | Whispers Wyken Road Stanton IP31 2DJ
RESPONSE – No Objections

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC17-2248-FUL	Land off Meadow Court	Support	Approved	04/04/18
DC17-2624-FUL	Tripp Batt site Hepworth Road	Support	Withdrawn	03/04/18
DC18-0271-HH	Burnham Lodge The Street	Support	Approved	16/03/18
DC18-0236-TPO	Dunham House Duke Street	Support	Approved	29/03/18
DC18-0303-VAR	Willow Garth, George Lane	Support	Approved	23/03/18

c. Other Planning issues

None

15. Correspondence and items for noting:

a. **Mr R Cheasdam re Park Farm Drive.** Mr Cheasdam has been challenged by the Farmer when using the farm road to walk back from the top of the Grundle due to a tree being down and the path becoming very muddy due to heavy rain. He asked whether this was legal. It was confirmed that this route is Private and therefore the Farmer was within his rights to challenge any walkers. Clerk has already responded to him by email. She will also report the poor state of the path and the fallen tree.

Work is ongoing with the County Council to establish a Right of Way further down in Park Farm Drive.

- b. Lauren Maker re A143 speeding** Lauren had reported concerns over the speeding issues discussed above by the Speed watch Co-ordinator. She is a young Mother who walks to School from the Goldsmith Grove estate. Clerk to deal as above.
- c. Mr Mayes re Shelbourne Reynolds factory** Mr Mayes was concerned about noise issues from Shelbourne Reynolds and especially over the Easter Weekend. Clerk has made contact with Shelbourne and established that the noise was due to the breakdown of equipment and the need for an emergency generator over the weekend until the issue could be fixed. This has now been resolved. Clerk has responded to Mr Mayes.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Minutes agreed as correctK McDonald (Chairman)